

Prior law required the Board of Regents (BoR) to formulate and establish geographic regions of the state in order to maximize the use of the instructional and physical resources of existing state and regionally accredited independent postsecondary educational institutions to provide broad access to education and training services. Further provided that there must be at least one public institution of higher education which awards baccalaureate degrees in each region established by the board.

New law retains these provisions.

Prior law required the BoR to evaluate the instructional and physical resources of existing postsecondary education institutions with each region before recommending the creation of any new postsecondary institution within a region. Allowed the board to provide for the use of resources from outside of a region before recommending the creation of a new postsecondary institution within a region.

New law retains these provisions.

New law provides that the BoR shall also use such evaluation of the instructional and physical resources of existing postsecondary education institutions within each region to create efficiencies, increase student access, enhance academic quality, further the goals established by the master plan for postsecondary education, and for any other purpose that will serve to advance postsecondary education in each region and the state as a whole.

New law further provides that, with the exception of those matters enumerated in the state constitution that require legislative approval, the BoR shall adopt such policies and take such actions as deemed appropriate and necessary to maximize the use of all resources available to support and promote postsecondary education in the state.

Prior law provided that the BoR, in cooperation with each higher education management board, the chancellor, and the president of each public institution of higher education, shall devise, describe, and establish a mission for each public university system and institution which shall be included in the master plan for postsecondary education.

New law retains these provisions but specifies that the BoR shall carry out the duties prescribed in present law "after consultation with" the postsecondary management boards instead of "in cooperation with" said boards.

Prior law provided that all powers of management over public institutions of higher education not specifically vested in the BoR by the state constitution are reserved to the respective postsecondary education management boards, as to the institutions under the control of each.

New law retains prior law and makes a technical wording change.

Prior law provided that all constitutional responsibilities of the BoR, including the development of a formula for equitable distribution of funds, shall apply to all public postsecondary institutions, including vocational-technical schools.

New law retains prior law and provides that the provisions of the master plan for postsecondary education and any other board policy that is part of a statewide plan or has statewide application also apply to all public postsecondary institutions.

Prior law provided that subject only to the powers of the BoR specifically enumerated in the state constitution and as otherwise provided by law, each postsecondary system management board, as a body corporate, shall have authority to exercise power necessary to supervise and manage the postsecondary institutions under its control.

New law retains prior law but specifies that the supervision and management powers of the postsecondary education management boards are applicable to the "day-to-day operations" of institutions under their control.

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